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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No. WEYE116081
Application No.: 09/664,472 Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: September 18, 2000 Examiner: C.L. Anderson
Title: FLUTED COMPOSITE AND RELATED ABSORBENT ARTICLES

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee	
Total Claims	49	Minus	54	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	12	Minus	12	=	0	x	86	=	0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment									\$0.00

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any

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overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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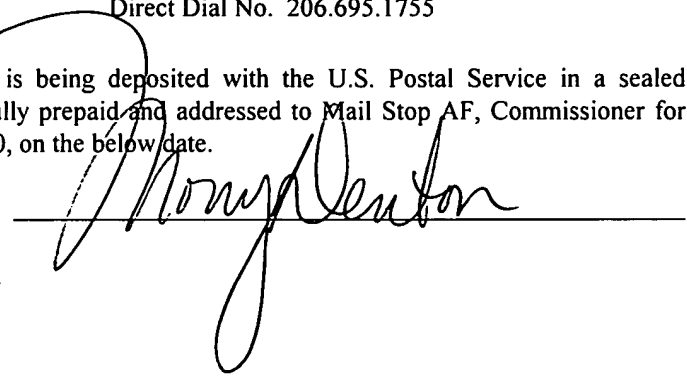


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 17

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2003 (Paper No. 17), making final the rejection of claims, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

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